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SIRHAN, Motasim et al.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend page 1, paragraph 1, so that the domestic priority reference reads as follows:

This application is a continuation-in-part and claims the benefit of Non-Provisional Application 10/002,595, filed November 1, 2001. This application is assigned to the assignee of the present application. The full disclosure of this application is incorporated herein by reference.